

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An apparatus configured to provide a defibrillation shock or pacing stimuli to a patient and methods for controlling the apparatus are provided. The method includes obtaining and analyzing physical parameters of the patient to determine whether the patient has a heart condition appropriately treated with a defibrillation shock or pacing stimuli, if the appropriate treatment is pacing stimuli, automatically determining a magnitude of the pacing stimuli and supplying the pacing stimuli to the patient at the magnitude and at a pacing rate.